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‘Decaying society’

Manitobans have ‘basically decided we’re not going to help individuals anymore,’ says advocate Monthly welfare rate for a single parent with two 7- to 11-year-old kids is $529.10

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▶ Floyd Perras of Siloam Mission says increased welfare rates could lead to a long-term drop in crime.

Hiking welfare rates for families should be a key component in Manitoba’s war against youth crime and street gangs, a prominent Winnipeg anti-poverty advocate contends.

Provincial social-assistance rates have remained essentially frozen since 1993, even though the cost of living has kept rising, said Floyd Perras, Siloam Mission’s executive director.

“If you’re starving to death, the chances of you stealing a loaf of bread are pretty high,” Perras said.

And, he added, if you’re a kid growing up in poverty, it’s not much of a stretch to see how joining a gang or selling drugs to make money would be attractive.

Poor kids are likely to look up to peers in gangs who have resources, nice clothes and a sense of belonging, Perras said.

“We’re dealing with a decaying society because of that. It appears to the 10- to 12-year-olds that the guys in the gangs are the new heroes.”

He added the situation for society becomes one of “pay me now or pay me later” after youth become involved — and sometimes entrenched — in the criminal justice system.

“I would like to give these kids a chance to take the next step,” Perras said in calling on government to hike welfare rates.

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Arsonist appeals punishment

A solvent addict who killed two after lighting a fire at a Winnipeg rooming house is appealing the punishment he got from a judge who called the case "chilling."

Howard Mason says the sentence of life in prison Justice Brenda Keyser handed him March 22 "is harsh and excessive," and wants Manitoba's Court of Appeal to reduce it.

The 51-year-old pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter and a charge of arson causing bodily harm after setting a couch on fire with a lighter as people slept inside a rooming house at 402 Elgin Ave. in 2006.

Dan Vaillant, 43, and Lavina Bradburn, 41, were burned beyond recognition as the fire spread through the home. Police had to use DNA tests to positively identify them. Another victim suffered burns to more than half her body and needed 29 surgeries, blood transfusions and physiotherapy.

"The facts are chilling," Keyser stated when sentencing Mason.

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Explanation

- **Court** heard no explanation from Mason for why he set the fatal blaze.

Ikea developers see site troubles

Companies claim CN refused to remove asbestos from the walls in a structure at the site

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Problems with trash, construction debris and even asbestos at the future site of Ikea have triggered a lawsuit against the rail company that used to lease the sprawling parcel of land.

Ikea Properties Ltd., Tuxedo Yards Development Corp., and Seasons (Winnipeg) JV Corp., have filed a court claim for financial compensation from the Montreal-based CN alleging negligence and breach of contract.

CN leased a large parcel of land near Sterling Lyon Parkway in south Winnipeg from 1975 until fall 2005.

The companies allege CN allowed dumping of "unclean fill" on the property — including rebar, concrete and other trash — which was supposed to be cleaned up as part of the company's lease agreement.

Allegations

- **Proof** The allegations have not been proven and no statement of defence has been filed.

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▶ Construction of Winnipeg's Ikea in south Winnipeg is slated to begin this year.

Series of bizarre stabbings at night

Winnipeg police dealt with a series of bizarre stabbings and fights Tuesday, one of which may have involved a broken coffee mug and another that apparently shut down a concert.

The night began with a home invasion in the 300 block of Elgin Avenue at 10:20 p.m. The homeowners opened their doors to strangers after mistaking them for people they knew. The 38-year-old man and the 33-year-old woman living in the home were assaulted by two people and the older male was stabbed with an unknown instrument, possibly a broken coffee mug, said Const. Natalie Aitken. He was taken to hospital in critical condition and was upgraded to stable.

About 90 minutes later, the Tiesto concert at the Winnipeg Convention Centre was apparently cut short after a fight broke out in the crowd that ended with a security guard being stabbed.

The fight started with an argument between two females and quickly erupted into physical violence after several males became involved. While trying to break up the fight, the security guard was stabbed in the upper body with an unknown instrument.

Aitken said the guard was taken to hospital in unstable condition. He has since been upgraded to stable.

A 26-year-old man has been arrested for assaulting a peace officer during the fight, but Aitken said he was not responsible for the stabbing.

At about 2:30 a.m. yesterday morning, a 34-year-old man was stabbed outside a hotel in the 800 block of Main Street. He was transported to hospital in critical condition.

Aitken said officers later located a woman nearby who had been assaulted, but did not know if the incidents were linked.

The victim was not cooperating with police, she added.

ELISHA DACEY

Will and Kate's wedding leaves us feeling cold

Events being held in every major city except Winnipeg ◐ 'Peggers plan to sleep through it

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Looking for a place to gather with a crowd and watch the royal wedding tomorrow?

Try Regina. Or Toronto.

Seems Winnipeggers have more important things on their mind than the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton — like sleep.

"It's at like four in the morning," said St. Vital resident Cheri Simpson, who was waiting for a bus in downtown Winnipeg late yesterday morning.

"I'll be asleep. I'll probably PVR it and watch it later."

Four other people waiting at the stop all indicated they would either sleep through it and watch it later, or weren't planning to watch the nuptials at all.

Hotels and bars across Canada are planning wedding-watching events, including events in several cities at the local Fairmont hotels.

However, Jacques Lavergne, director of sales and marketing for the Fairmont Winnipeg, confirmed the hotel has no plans for a royal party in the wee hours of Friday morning.

While Winnipeg wedding watchers in search of a party will likely camp out in their basements instead, University of Winnipeg student Daniel Whaley is in London to scope out the wedding along with 45 other Canadians in a delegation.

He will be tweeting about the wedding from his vantage point. Find him @danielwhaley.

Mobbing. The vote

▶ Students rush the stairs at the U of W's Centennial Hall over the noon hour yesterday

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Students rock the vote

About 100 students at the University of Winnipeg took part in a vote mob on campus yesterday. The event was held to combat youth voter apathy.

Sentencing delayed for man who killed teen

Sentencing has been postponed for a man who killed a Winnipeg teenager 26 years ago when he left her in a shed where she froze to death.

Mark Edward Grant was convicted in February of second-degree murder in the death of 13-year-old Candace Derksen.

He faces an automatic life sentence, but a judge must still decide whether Grant should serve more than the minimum 10 years before he gets a chance at parole.

Sentencing ground to a halt when Grant's defence lawyer moved that much of the Crown's submission should be deemed inadmissible.

The two sides are to be back in court on May 11. Grant's actual sentencing could be delayed until the summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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More politicos than romantics in Canada

A spike in media coverage may have boosted interest in the royal wedding One in five Canadians will watch

What would Canadians rather watch — aspiring prime ministers swapping barbs, or a glamorous royal couple exchanging vows?

A pair of recent surveys suggest Canada's political leaders may come out on top.

A poll assessing national interest in the upcoming royal wedding suggests about 40 per cent of Canadians have been making plans to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton tie the knot tomorrow.

The poll found 19 per cent of Canadians said they were very likely to watch the royal nuptials on television, with an additional 20 per cent saying they were somewhat likely to tune in.

About 15 per cent of Canadians said they were somewhat unlikely to watch the wedding, while 44 per cent said they were very unlikely to do so.

Impressive as those figures may seem for an event in the early morning hours across the country, they fall short of the 51 per cent that declared their intention of watching the English-language election debate that was on TV earlier this month.

Harris-Decima senior vice-president Doug Anderson said the results suggest the royal wedding is a significant event in the national consciousness, but only for certain parts of the population.

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Age, sex, location?

Interest in the royal wedding varies among different demographics.

- **Female** Twenty-six per cent of women had firm plans to watch the lavish ceremony, compared to only 11 per cent of men.
- **Youth** Canadians over the age of 50 are more likely to watch (30 per cent) compared to just six per cent of those 18 to 34.
- **Region** In Quebec, interest was more muted as 52 per cent of survey respondents said they were very unlikely to watch the festivities

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▶ A bookie takes bets outside Westminster Abbey yesterday. Interest in the royal wedding may be low among Canadian youth, but in London, spectators of all ages are gathering around the route that Prince William and Catherine Middleton will take tomorrow.

Layton eyes 24 Sussex as NDP surges in polls

Election 2011

One says Sussex Drive, the other Stornoway.

Jack Layton and Stephen Harper don't agree, naturally, on where the NDP leader ought to be after Monday's vote — running the country or leading the official Opposition.

But the very fact they're talking seriously about such things — once laughably unlikely, now foreheadslappingly possible — shows just how utterly on its ear the federal campaign has been turned.

Layton, looking comfortable in an elbow-patch cardigan and brandishing his cane as he took to the rally stage in Winnipeg, nearly brought the house down yesterday with a well-worn bit of dare-to-dream campaign rhetoric.

"As your prime minister," he began, only to be drowned out by a deafening chorus of partisan cheering. "Sounds like you like that phrase," he grinned mischievously.

Beaming, Layton tried it again, and the cheering got louder every time.

Harper, campaigning in Waterloo, Ont., painted Layton as an inexperienced opposition leader who would seek to topple the Tories should they be denied a majority.

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▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton greets supporters during a campaign stop at the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre in Winnipeg yesterday.

NDP jump

Recent opinion polls suggest the NDP leads the Liberals, and Tory majority may be beyond reach.

- Ekos Research had the NDP at 28.1 per cent, in second place behind the Conservatives at 34 per cent.
- Liberals languish at 22.9 per cent, while the Bloc and Green are at 6.6 and 6.5 per cent, respectively

Grits hope for Chrétien pull

The Liberals put a popular ex-prime minister front-and-centre yesterday, hoping a bout of nostalgia will lift their fortunes.

Jean Chrétien joined current party leader Michael Ignatieff for an evening rally in Toronto.

The Grits are counting on their former chief to reinvigorate the faithful as some polls put the Liberals in third place behind the Conservatives and surging NDP. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge to rule on G8 report release

A Federal Court judge will rule today on whether to hear a case that calls for the auditor general to release her G8 spending report before the election.

A hearing was held yesterday asking the court to expedite the case. Justice Simon Noel reserved his decision.

Toronto's Kathleen Trotter, backed by activist group Avaaz, filed the lawsuit in Federal Court this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Media mogul scorns Tory aide

A top Tory strategist has left the Harper campaign after a media mogul outed him for supplying false information.

The Conservatives confirmed yesterday that Patrick Muttart has parted ways with Prime Minister Stephen Harper's team.

Sun Media owner Pierre Karl Peladeau took Muttart to task for inaccurately portraying Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff as a planner of the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

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▶ Foreign evacuees, who fled the besieged city of Misrata, carry their baggage as they are relocated into tents at a temporary refugee camp in Benghazi, Libya, yesterday. The camp provides shelter, basic humanitarian needs and transportation to the Egyptian borders for the displaced who are fleeing conflict zones.

Crisis in Misrata worsens

Food stocks dwindling in the Libyan city NATO increases air strikes, as EU pledges $146 million in aid

NATO warplanes pounded forces loyal to Libyan leader Moaamar Gadhafi attacking the rebel-held city of Misrata, blasting fighting vehicles advancing on the port that serves as the besieged city's sole lifeline, a NATO spokeswoman said yesterday.

The battle for Misrata has become the focal point of the uprising against Gadhafi's regime, and the near-constant shelling of the city by government troops over the past two months has spurred calls for more forceful international intervention to stop the bloodshed.

"NATO forces moved quickly to break up a force advancing on Misrata port."
CARMEN ROMERO, NATO SPOKESWOMAN

In Brussels, the EU commissioner for humanitarian aid said the shelling of the Misrata port has worsened the already bad humanitarian situation in the city and that the 27-nation group has set aside more than 100 million euros ($146 million) to address pressing humanitarian needs.

"The port shelling hampers vessel rotation and therefore hinders further evacuations," said commissioner Kristalina Georgieva. "The delivery of food, medical supplies and other relief items has been interrupted, and it is close to impossible for our humanitarian partners to evacuate the wounded and civilians by sea."

A resident in Misrata said the city's food stocks were dwindling, and that relief supplies brought by UN aid agencies were not enough to meet requirements. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A female anti-government protester chants slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen, yesterday.

Popular uprising

Yemeni security forces opened fire on a massive anti-government demonstration in the capital Sanaa yesterday, killing 12 protesters and wounding some 190, a doctor at the scene said.

- **Landmark** The violence broke out as about 100,000 government opponents filled a landmark square at the epicentre of the uprising, spilling into the streets around the state TV building.
- **Civil society** Yemenis in at least 18 cities and towns launched a civil disobedience campaign yesterday in an escalation of their more than two-month-old uprising to bring down long-serving President Ali Abdullah Saleh.
- **Shut down** Shops, schools and government offices were shuttered. The closures are planned twice weekly until Saleh steps down, activists said.
- **Revolt** At times, millions have flooded the streets of the capital and other cities and towns.

TANKS TRUMP SUPPLIES IN SYRIA

The city at the heart of Syria's month-long uprising ran low on food, water and medicine yesterday as the army sent in more tanks and reinforcements as part of a widening crackdown against opponents of President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime, witnesses said.

Two residents in Daraa said at least five army officers had sided with demonstrators, and conscripted soldiers sent into the city were quietly refusing orders to detain people at checkpoints and were allowing some people through to get scarce supplies. But the Syrian government denied that there had been any splits in the military, which is seen as fiercely loyal to Assad.

Gunfire and sporadic explosions were heard in Daraa, two days after the military rolled in — backed by tanks and snipers.
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Meeting turns to massacre in Afghanistan

Afghan military pilot killed eight U.S. soldiers and one civilian Gunman had no ties to Taliban

A veteran Afghan military pilot said to be distressed over his personal finances opened fire at Kabul airport after an argument yesterday, killing eight U.S. troops and an American civilian contractor.

It was the deadliest episode of an Afghan turning against his coalition partners. The veteran military pilot was killed during the attack and five Afghan soldiers were injured.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said all nine of those killed by the pilot were Americans. The Afghan Defence Ministry said the pilot fired on the Americans after an argument in the Afghan Air Corps at Kabul airport.

20 The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the gunman was impersonating an army officer. But the Defence Ministry said the gunman was an Afghan military pilot of 20 years.

"Suddenly, in the middle of the meeting, shooting started," said Afghan Air Corps spokesman Col. Bahader, who uses only one name. "After the shooting started, we saw a number of Afghan army officers and soldiers running out of the building. Some were even throwing themselves out of the windows to get away."

Dr. Mohammad Hassan Sahibi, the brother of the shooter, said his brother had been battling financial troubles. But Sahibi said his brother had no ties to insurgents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil. Aflame

▶ An Afghan policeman leads a fireman out of the scene of a burning NATO fuel tanker yesterday.

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NATO fuel tanker targeted

A bomb planted underneath a tanker carrying fuel for the NATO forces, exploded on Jalalabad-Kabul highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. Police officials said there were no casualties.

Has U.S. forgot the past?

The American-led war in Afghanistan is heading toward an outcome similar to the disastrous Soviet invasion three decades ago, a new academic analysis concludes.

In a paper to be published in the Foreign Policy Review Institute, the authors argue the NATO coalition is repeating the same mistakes that led to heavy bloodshed and the ultimate withdrawal of the Soviet military.

"The Soviet experience shows us the painful mistakes of the past, and we ignore those mistakes at our peril," the authors say.

Among other things, the Soviets gave up trying to combat a rural insurgency in favour of controlling the main population centres and connecting roads.

They also tried to change the unpopular puppet government they had installed, push a reconciliation program, and focus on building up Afghanistan's own security forces.

"The United States is trying to do all of these things again today, as if the Soviet experience never happened," the paper states.

The authors, Larry Goodson, a professor of Middle East studies at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Penn., and Thomas Johnson, a research professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey Calif., have long studied Afghanistan.

Johnson, who has previously compared Afghanistan to the American failure in the Vietnam War, was an architect of Canada's "model village" approach in Kandahar's Dand District, which has had some success.

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Options

The analysis concludes the U.S. and its allies have three choices:

1. Declare victory and leave.
2. Settle in for a long-protracted attempt at nation-building that will likely fail.
3. Focus narrowly on counter-terrorism.

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Rogers pulls a fast one

Rogers Communications Inc. will roll out an even faster wireless network this year to serve its mobile phone and laptop users, beating rival Telus in the race to have the fastest network.

Long-Term Evolution networks, which are coming into use globally, offer mobile users the equivalent of a home or office Internet connection. LTE service is three to four times faster than Rogers' existing network, chief executive Nadir Mohamed told an annual shareholder meeting yesterday in Toronto.

Vancouver-based Telus will introduce its own LTE network next year. Montreal-based Bell has announced it's also testing the technology but hasn't said when it will launch its network.

LTE is expected to reach Canada's Top 25 markets by the end of 2012. Devices that run on LTE networks are just starting to be sold to consumers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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Air Canada Express finally takes wing

Montreal-Toronto service could cause flap with rivals Porter, WestJet

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▶ Chief commercial officer Ben Smith shows a Bombardier Q400 aircraft yesterday in Montreal as Air Canada announced the resumption of service between Pierre Trudeau airport and the Billy Bishop Toronto City airport.

Air Canada's rebranding of its regional service is set to take flight Sunday with the launch of Air Canada Express service between Montreal and Billy Bishop Toronto City airport.

Sky Regional will begin contracted service with five slightly used Q400 aircraft. But the fleet of 120 Jazz planes owned by Chorus Aviation will gradually get new colours as they come in for maintenance, as will the 15 new Bombardier Q400s on order.

Non-unionized Sky Regional is one of several small carriers that have contracts with Canada's largest airline. It has 30 flight attendants and 30 pilots.

"In the U.S. and in Europe, a lot of big airlines use multiple carriers for their regional feed."
BEN SMITH, CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER, AIR CANADA

Ben Smith, Air Canada's chief commercial officer, said bookings for the new service are running as planned. About 60 per cent of passengers are expected to be corporate customers.

To compete with Porter Airlines, which also operates from the Toronto island airport, the new service will also offer beverages and food. And passengers will have the flexibility to fly into the island airport, but out of Pearson International.

In addition to creating a unified regional service, Air Canada is looking at the viability of a low-cost carrier and is holding discussions with its labour unions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

iPhones track hotspots, not users: Apple

Apple Inc.'s iPhones do not store a record of their users' movements for up to a year, the company said yesterday. Rather, they store a list of Wi-Fi hotspots and cell towers in their general area.

The company promised software fixes to address privacy concerns raised by a research report last week.

The data in question, downloaded from Apple, help the phone figure out its location without having to listen for faint signals from GPS satellites. That means navigation applications can present the phone's location faster and more accurately, Apple said.

The data are stored for up to a year because of a software error, the company added. There's no need to store data for more than seven days, and a software update in the next few weeks will limit the amount of data in that file.

The iPhone will also stop backing up the file to the user's computer, a practice that also raised some concerns. Computers are much more vulnerable to remote hacking attempts than are phones.

Apple said that while iPhones regularly transmit their location to Apple, they do so only anonymously, and the company isn't able to track users. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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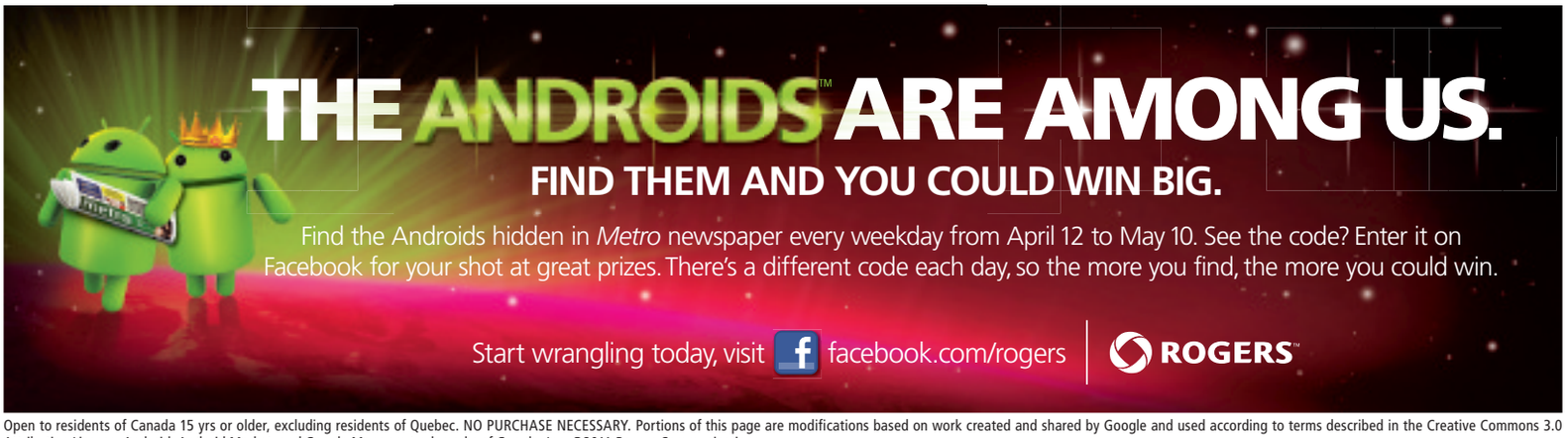
▶ The new white iPhone 4 is available in Canada today.

iPhone 4 U

- **Apple's long-delayed** white iPhone 4 goes on sale today in Canada for $199 US or $299 US depending on the model.
- **The iPhone 4 can be** ordered online (apple.com) or purchased at Apple stores and authorized Apple resellers.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SOUNDING OFF ON MOVIEGOERS

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

It's time for summer movie season, where the action is fast, the sound is explosive, and the people are idiots.

I used to see lots of movies in public during the summer months. But then I realized the public will be there, so I stopped. Way too many of my memorable movie-going experiences have nothing to do with the film.

Consider:

Life Is Beautiful: Two elderly women could not keep up with the subtitles, largely because they were reading them out loud. When there was a time jump after a love scene, they expressed confusion about where the amorous couple had found a young boy.

The Blair Witch Project: A young woman sitting behind me talked in equal measure about how scared she was and how she had absolutely no idea what was going on. At one point, she saw that one of the characters had a rip in his jeans and squealed, "What does it mean?!"

"Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers."

Contact: The movie starts with a long, beautiful shot of the noiseless vacuum of outer space, which led people throughout the theatre to yell, "Something's wrong with the sound! Hello? HELLO?!"

People like this used to make me angry, but I have recently realized it's not their fault. The fault lies with our whole attitude toward blockbuster movies, especially during the summer season of "event" films, which are required by law to contain a constant mix of bosoms, explosions, and/or zombies.

Most of these movies suck, but if you say that, then somebody will inevitably say, "Just turn your brain off and enjoy it." I hate that.

Watching a bad movie must be the only human endeavour where dumbing yourself down is considered acceptable. Imagine if you were eating spoiled lasagna and a friend said, "Just turn your brain off and revert to a dog-like state where the meat causes you joy."

Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers.

I see now that these are all normal people — who during their day-to-day lives have minds and manners and children who love them — but who during movies "turn off their brains" so they can enjoy the ride.

And that's why I avoid seeing blockbusters in public. Because if I didn't, I might become the next summer-movie mindless zombie. If that ever happens to me, you know what to do ...

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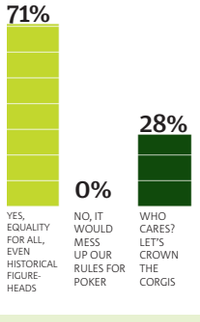
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Local tweets

Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz told reporters yesterday he doesn't believe the Phoenix Coyotes will be moving to Winnipeg. Of course, the Twitterverse exploded. Here's what people had to say about his comments:

- **@mserven:** Congratulations Winnipeg you have successfully wasted 2 years of effort on the wrong city. #Coyotes
- **@timlogue:** Winnipeg need only to be patient. All these Southern U.S. teams playing in front of 1/2 - 3/4 empty buildings will fall sooner or later.
- **@EpicPuckBunny:** I would rather have #Coyotes stay in AZ (we can watch them fail in attendance hahah) and Thrashers to Winnipeg. Epic rivalry.
- **@162610:** On my econ student anger scale of 1-10 the US dollar makes me angry at a 9. Thrashers to Winnipeg next season is HULK LEVEL.
- **@TylerGreenDC:** @JapersRink "Going to Winnipeg" is about to be a new euphemism for something that may or may not happen.

Letters

Re: Breaking up ain't hard (metronews.ca)

OTTAWA. As a young woman living in Ottawa Centre, I was personally insulted by the comments made by Helen Friel (Ottawa-Centre Conservative candidate Damian Konstantinakos' campaign office manager), in which she suggested that women dislike Stephen Harper simply because we don't find him "charming."

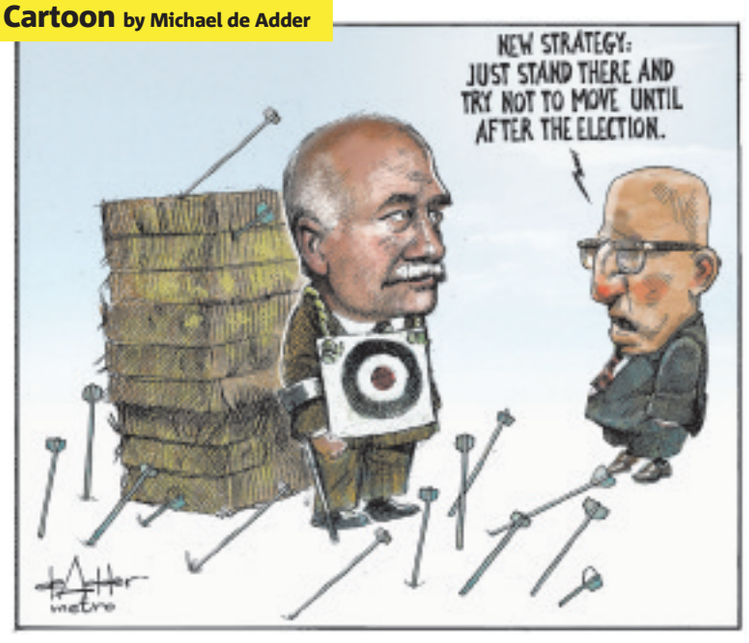
It is exactly this patronizing mentality demonstrated by the Conservative party that deters women such as myself from supporting them.

I feel that Friel's comments imply that women lack the capacity to make rational informed decisions, a stereotype that women have been fighting for years — a fight that has perhaps become more difficult since the Harper government cut funding for women's advocacy by 43 per cent.

Other cuts have included the closing of 12 out of 16 Status of Women offices, and the scrapping of our progressive Court Challenges program.

Yeah, I guess we don't find those things "charming." **GLENNYS EGAN**

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Her golden locks needed protection

Romanians are known to be security conscious, but when the parliament speaker was accompanied by six security officers funded by the taxpayer to the hairdresser, some considered it too much.

Click, a daily newspaper, reported yesterday that Roberta Anastase was guarded by six officers who waited for her outside the hairdresser's during a recent three-hour appointment.

Roberta Anastase

Anastase, who was crowned Miss Romania in 1994, is the third most important person in the Romanian state hierarchy and is legally entitled to around-the-clock security, the Romanian parliament said, responding to the article.

Political commentator Cristian Teodorescu questioned whether Anastase needs 17 guards, which are tasked for her round-the-clock protection. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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HANDOUT

▶ The 2011 roller derby season opens on Saturday with Spring Fling at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

These ladies know how to dish out punishment

The Winnipeg Roller Derby League's season is about to start ◐ Theatrics take a backseat to athleticism for these tough gals ◐ Contact sports aren't just for men, league founder says

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Whip it good. The Winnipeg Roller Derby League launches its 2011 season with Spring Fling, Saturday at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Founded in January 2008, the WRDL is comprised of three teams — The Corporation, The BackSeat Betties and Valkyries' Wrath — determined to popularize the sport of women's flat track roller derby in the 'Peg.

"We don't just skate in it," says Lara McCabe aka Frosty Peaches, 32, co-founder of the WRDL, captain of the Valkyries and owner of Peach Jam Skates, Winnipeg's only roller derby shop. "We do the poster design, we put the posters up, we volunteer, basically we do everything. We feel very close to our product because we did it as a group. It's really grassroots and that's something that keeps girls coming back because they have that ownership."

First used in 1922 to describe multi-day, flat-track roller skating races, in the 1960s and '70s roller derby became a briefly popular form of sports entertainment, akin to professional wrestling. While contemporary derby retains some of those theatrical aspects — interesting attire being the most prominent — its focus is on athleticism.

"For me, the last thing I want to worry about is if my skirt is too short," says McCabe. "When contemporary derby first started about 10 years ago, it was a lot less active and you could wear fancy things like tutus, but I like to think having people play an awesome game and be really athletic is entertaining enough."

A contact sport, roller derby is not for the meek or the mild. McCabe, who is currently recovering from a fairly serious leg injury, says derby girls deal with danger the same way as male athletes.

"Guys don't get asked why they play hockey despite the risks," McCabe says. "There's this assumption that women are never allowed to have full contact, but we get the same thing out of it. It's just really satisfying to push yourself as hard as you can and get that physical feedback.

Tickets are $15.75 and available at Ticketmaster. First whistle is at 7:30 pm. For more information on the WRDL and roller derby in general go to winnipegrollerderby.com.

Lopez, husband to search for Latin talent in TV show

Jennifer Lopez is teaming up with American Idol creator Simon Fuller for a new TV show — and she's bringing husband Marc Anthony into the fold.

The trio announced yesterday that they are creating Q'Viva! The Chosen. The show would feature the superstar couple as they travel 21 countries to find the best performers in Latin music, dance and other arts with the goal of creating a live extravaganza.

The show's director will be Jamie King. It will be filmed in three languages.

Lopez said the show will be groundbreaking.

"This is a show for the 21st century with an unprecedented global and local story. The Latin culture is a tapestry that is rich in passion, tradition and artistry," she said. "We are going to places where all of this talent lives and wouldn't have otherwise been discovered."

Anthony said the show will "provide an outlet to a whole new generation that have been waiting to have their voices heard."

Q'Viva! is sponsored by BlackBerry. A statement said more than one network will be involved, but they have yet to be announced. It's unclear when the show will air.

Lopez became a judge on American Idol this year, and has a new album, Love? out next week.

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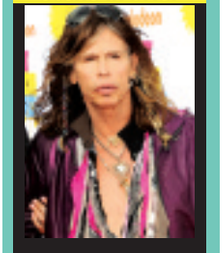
Scene in brief



Steven Tyler says he wasn't the only Aerosmith member who was abusing drugs in recent years. In an interview with Rolling Stone, Tyler says he and Joe Perry did drugs together in 2008 after years of sobriety. Aerosmith had been working on a new album, which never developed.

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NYC police investigate post-concert police escort of Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs, say it wasn't OK'd

Hudson engagement discovered on TV show

Today Show host Matt Lauer picks up on the new ring around Kate's finger

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▶ Kate Hudson

Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy are engaged, the actress revealed during an interview with Matt Lauer for the Today show after Lauer pointed out an engagement ring.

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"It just happened a week ago, I'm so glad you noticed," she said. "I haven't really announced it and I felt like the announcing thing feels so silly, and I was just waiting for someone to notice."

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Lohan remorseful for mistakes

With a 120-day jail sentence looming, Lindsay Lohan is owning up to her past mistakes and hoping to turn her life around.

"I've made a lot of poor decisions in the past and I'm dealing with the consequences of those decisions," she said during an interview with Jay Leno. "I know that I have to work to gain the respect back and I'm willing to do the work that I have to do to follow through with being an actress because that's what I love."

But more than anything, she wishes the public would focus on her work more than her troubles.

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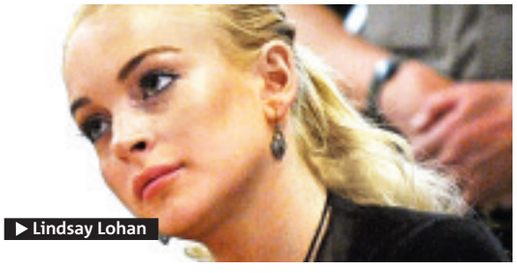

▶ Lindsay Lohan

Talking points

Harry afraid of playing Harry

NO MORE PLEASE. There is one thing that seriously scares Daniel Radcliffe: playing Harry Potter again.

The actor panicked last October when series author J.K. Rowling told Oprah Winfrey she could write more books about the boy wizard.

"I was worried! I texted her. I said, 'Look, is this true? Are you writing another book?'" he tells Celebuzz. "She wrote back that she was so pleased with my performance in Harry Potter 7: Part 1 that as a reward, she promised to never write another book about Harry."

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Aniston on her way to NYC

CHANGING LIFESTYLES Jennifer Aniston is reportedly ditching L.A. for New York.

The actress has put her west coast home on the market and is close to closing on a $5.6 million Manhattan penthouse, according to Hollyscoop.

While the 1,200-square-foot one-bedroom apartment isn't huge, it does come with 800 square feet of terrace space facing both north and south. Aniston, who lived in New York when she was younger, has said she's eager to get back to the Big Apple.

"There is nothing like being in the city that is just the city of Everyman," she has said. "It's all walks of life — I love that!"

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Celebrity tweets

@kirstiealley

On my way to Studio to make out with various boy band members....

@ladygaga

"Whoever is hacking my Twitter must answer to 10 million monsters and Twitter police."

@bobsaget

"It's never good to change yourself for someone else. Unless you really suck."

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"Weekend plans. 1. Take lawn chair to Hollywood Boulevard. 2. Yell at tourists who step on Janet Jackson's star."

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Since her engagement to Prince William, the pressure has grown on Kate Middleton to become a style superstar But is she really ready to be a trendsetter?

Is Kate Middleton a fashion icon?

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

Look back at the evolution of Kate's style over the past nine years or so, it's clear that her appearance hasn't changed much. She's developed a personal style that works for her: tall boots with classic straight-leg jeans, tall boots with feminine dresses that respectably trace the curves or tall boots with pretty skirt suits. Her newer clothes may look more expensive and regal, but her trademarks endure. No extreme makeovers here.

It remains to be seen whether Kate will take up the challenge to become Britain's sartorial ambassador. It's technically not part of a First Lady's job description to promote the fashion industry. But if she does, she'll need someone in her corner to help her navigate the minefield of worst-dressed lists and discriminating editors. Then again, with rumors persisting that Middleton will wear Alexander McQueen on her wedding day, maybe she's already found that person.

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Bold beginnings
Kate Middleton models on the catwalk at a student fashion show attended by Prince William, on March, 26, 2002 in St. Andrews, Scotland.

CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Pretty in peacock
Kate smiles as she visits Greenmount Agricultural College on March 8, 2011 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

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Burberry Brit
Kate attends Harry Meade & Rosie Bradford's wedding at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul on October 23, 2010 in Northleach near Cheltenham, England.

INDIGO/GETTY IMAGES

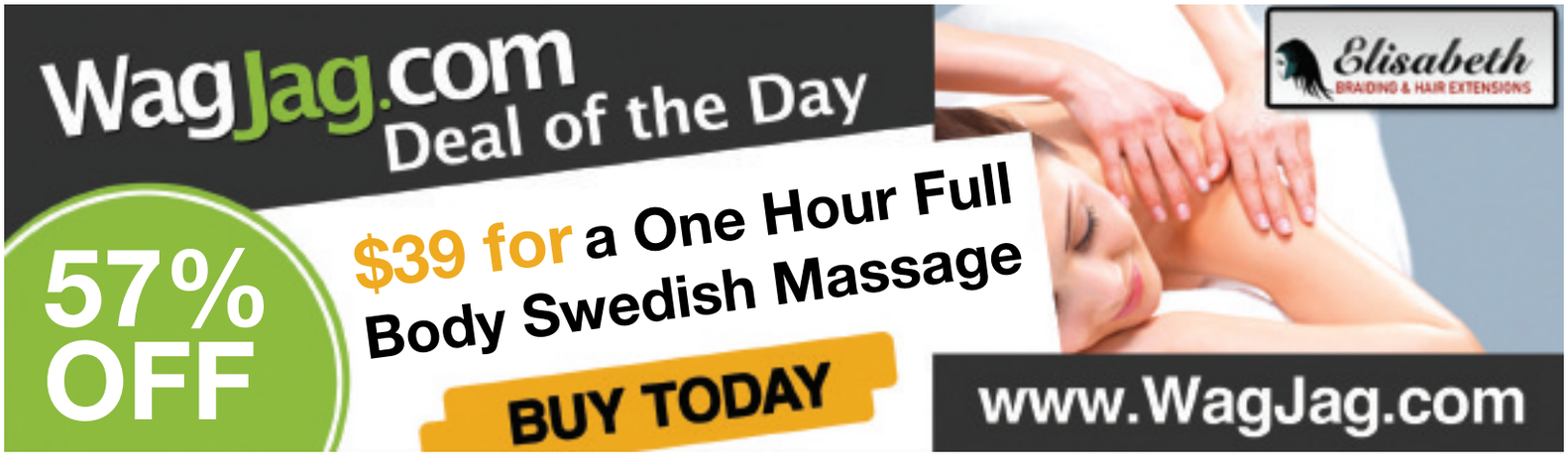
She loves her lavender
Kate attends the wedding of Nicholas van Cutsem and Alice at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on August 14, 2009 in London, England

3 life

Barbie Girl

Meet the new Catherine Middleton doll! Unlike many of the other gifts cashing in on monarchy mania, this children's toy has some winning features like the glossy mane of hair, Issa style dress, the fascinator... It's very Kate-like and she's fashionably thin! **RICHARD PECKETT**

Royal bride Kate Middleton can look at previous UK royal gowns for inspiration.



Wallpaper is back in vogue

Latest papers are more durable, washable and easier to remove Rich colours, metallic sheens are hot

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I am old enough to remember my aunt's dining room with red flocked-velvet wallpaper — how I loved to go to her house and touch the velvety walls.

I am also old enough to remember going to her house as a young man and helping to remove that wallpaper. I remember thinking to myself that after all the spraying and scraping in the summer heat, I would never put up wallpaper ever again in my lifetime.

They say what goes around comes around and I guess that holds true even with awful things like flocked wall coverings.

Wallpaper is coming back in vogue again and there have been some substantial improvements; papers are more durable, washable and much easier to remove to change our walls with the latest fashion of the day.

Just like when I was a boy, velvet wallpapers, beautiful, rich colours and metallic sheens are emerging as trends again. Somehow, they're looking a bit fresher and more fashionable than I remember.

Special paint primers help create better adhesion from paper to wall and allow the paper to be removed more easily, without damage to the wall surface below. Choose a primer that matches your preference of using oil or latex paints on your walls.

When measuring for wallpaper, remember that you should always buy 20 per cent more than what you measure for. This will allow for matching up patterns and making sure you have a tiny bit extra.

Removing wallpaper from a properly primed wall is quite easy. When working with a paper wall covering you can spray on a special solution to soften the paper and loosen the glue; the paper should peel off easily.

If working with a vinyl covering or a wall that has not been properly primed, a small tool that perforates the paper will help get the solution in behind and loosen the glue. Within just a few minutes, the paper should be ready to peel off the walls.

There's an old designer secret to making smaller spaces appear visually larger: Add larger prints to fabrics, drapes, art and rugs (items that don't take up any physical space in a room). The larger print gives great impact.

The big trend in wallpaper right now is large prints for impact, but beware — most of the prints are overscaled traditional designs that help mock the tinier patterns of years gone by.

Look for colours from fashion — teal, pink, chocolate brown and grey are just a few you'll see on walls this season.

Where to use wallpaper:

Front foyer: Go bold and dark. Wall coverings with shine, texture and strong colours add impact to a small entrance space. Hang a large mirror and add a show-stopper hanging light and you'll have all the drama you need.

Behind a headboard: Go light or dark depending on the overall decor of the room. A focal wall of paper will make the bed look more important and add pattern or colour that you might have been afraid to choose in the headboard, bedding or draperies. If your overall look is light and airy, then choose a paper that blends and vice versa.

Small dens or guest rooms: Be dramatic and cover all four walls to create an infinite look to the room. Paint the ceiling the same background colour as the wallpaper to make the room feel larger. If matching fabric is available, upholster the furniture to create a seamless designer look with wallpaper, paint and fabric.

Side projects

- **Wallpaper** the front of dresser drawers with left-over wallpaper to create a custom look in a room.
- **Wallpaper** a boring slab door with a large-scale, punchy-coloured paper to help add vertical art to a neutral room.
- **Add wallpaper** to the inside of a china cabinet or closet. Use bright colours, such as orange or fuchsia, to add a pop of surprise and wake up your tired china and crystal.

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▶ Brewster Home Fashion's Salon Collection.

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▶ Graham and Brown's Lacework Moss wall covering.

Install a TV mount in 5 steps

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Thinking of mounting your flat-screen LCD, LED, plasma or 3-D TV on the wall? Wall mounting is a great way to get your home theatre looking fabulous, and it's an easy do-it-yourself project that can be done in just a couple of hours. Here are the basics of a typical mount installation project.

1. Select a location on the wall where you want the TV to hang. Mounting a TV at eye level will help to avoid neck and eye strain.

2. Use a stud finder to locate wood studs in the wall.

3. Attach the mount to the back of your TV using the holes provided by the TV manufacturer.

4. Pre-drill holes into the wall studs using the mount's wall plate as a guide. Secure the wall plate to the studs. Note: If your walls are concrete or brick, insert a concrete anchor into each drill hole until it's flush with the wall. If your wall has metal studs, ask the mount maker if they offer adapter kits — most do.

5. Attach the mount (with the TV attached) to the wall plate.

Your installation may have slightly different requirements. Remember to follow the manufacturer's directions for proper mount installation.

NEWS CANADA

Refreshing vegetarian soup-and-salad combo

THE CANADIAN PRESS HO/ FOODLAND ONTARIO

▶ Serve this vegetarian soup with crusty bread.

This Moroccan Vegetable Soup is the perfect vegetarian dish to serve on a cool spring night.

Traditionally finished with a spoonful of harissa, a spicy North African chili sauce, the soup can also be heated up with a few dashes of hot sauce if you like.

Preparation:

1. In large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, parsnips and sweet potato; sauté about 5 minutes or until slightly softened. Stir in garlic, ginger, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt, pepper and cayenne.
2. Add tomatoes and broth; cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 20 minutes or until parsnips and sweet potato are tender.
3. In blender or with immersion blender, puree soup as smooth as you like. Return to pan. Add chickpeas and heat through, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in spinach until wilted. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOODLAND ONTARIO**

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 parsnips, chopped
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) coriander
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each ground cumin, paprika and salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each pepper and cayenne
- 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 4 cups (1 L) vegetable broth
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) baby spinach, stems removed

THE CANADIAN PRESS HO

Greek Quinoa Salad

Quinoa, which is dubbed "the mother grain" for its nutritional qualities, is featured in this fresh Greek salad.

Preparation:

1. Place quinoa in mesh sieve and rinse well under running water; drain and set aside.
2. In pot, bring broth to a boil and add quinoa. Stir, reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 20 minutes or until broth is absorbed. Fluff with fork into bowl. Add tomatoes, pepper, cucumber and parsley.
3. In bowl, whisk oil, vinegar and garlic. Drizzle over quinoa and vegetables. Season with salt and sprinkle with feta cheese. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CASBAH QUINOA**

Ingredients:

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) quinoa
- 750 ml (3 cups) vegetable broth
- 1 container grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 sweet yellow pepper, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) English cucumber, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- Salt, to taste
- Crumbled feta cheese

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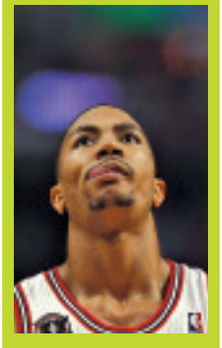

"Last year, we were just saying, 'How are we going to win this game? Do we have a chance?' We really didn't have a chance. This year, we have a chance to win almost every game that we go in."

BULLS POINT GUARD DERRICK ROSE. CHICAGO'S GAME 5 FIRST-ROUND WIN OVER INDIANA ON TUESDAY MARKED JUST THE SECOND TIME THE FRANCHISE HAS WON A PLAYOFF SERIES SINCE THE DAYS OF MICHAEL JORDAN.

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▶ Bruins winger Nathan Horton, centre, smiles as he is mobbed by teammates after scoring the game-winning goal against the Canadiens last night.

B's take series

Horton's 2nd OT winner of 1st round clinches for Bruins in Game 7

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Nathan Horton scored 5:43 into overtime to give the Boston Bruins a 4-3 victory over the Montreal Canadiens last night in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

The Bruins will play the Philadelphia Flyers in the Eastern Conference semi-finals for the second consecutive year.

Tim Thomas stopped 34 shots for the Bruins, who recovered after losing the first two games of the series at home. Boston had never won a playoff series after trailing 0-2 in 26 tries.

Carey Price stopped 30 shots for Montreal, which erased deficits of 2-0 and 3-2 in Game 7.

Horton scored with a slapshot off a pass from Milan Lucic, setting off a celebration on the Bruins bench and in the stands. It was Boston's third overtime win in the series, including Game 5 on Saturday night when Horton scored 9:03 into the second extra period.

Johnny Boychuk and Mark Recchi scored in the first 5:33 of Game 7 to give the Bruins a 2-0 lead. But Yannick Weber made it a one-goal game with a power-play goal in the first. Tomas Plekanec tied it in the second with an unassisted, short-handed goal.

After Chris Kelly scored with just under 10 minutes left to give Boston a 3-2 lead, P.K. Subban tied it in the final two minutes — again on the power play.

The Bruins were 0 for 21 on the power play in the series.

But it doesn't matter.

They will open the next round in Philadelphia with a chance to avenge last year's epic collapse against the Flyers. Boston led that series 3-0 before Philadelphia came back to force a decisive game. In Game 7 in Boston, the Bruins took a 3-0 lead before losing 4-3.

That was the second straight year that the Bruins lost a Game 7 at home.

This time, they made sure it didn't happen again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roloson shuts out Penguins

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Dwayne Roloson made 36 saves for his second NHL playoff shutout, Sean Bergenheim scored, and the Tampa Bay Lightning completed a big series comeback by eliminating the Pittsburgh Penguins with a 1-0 win in Game 7 last night.

Roloson became the second goalie to go 6-0 in elimination games. He allowed only four goals in winning the final three games as Tampa Bay erased a 3-1 series deficit. That matched his feat in 2003 when he led the Minnesota Wild to a comeback against the Vancouver Canucks in the second round.

The No. 5 seed Lightning will now face the top-seeded Washington Capitals in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Penguins lost their second consecutive Game 7 and fell to 2-6 in such deciding games at home.

Bergenheim's goal 5:41 into the second period was his third in the final four games of the series. Tampa Bay hadn't advanced in the playoffs since winning the Stanley Cup in 2004.

Despite a 36-23 edge in shots, the Sidney Crosby-less Penguins lost three consecutive games for the first time since Dec. 27, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010 — a span of 141 games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chan on track for world gold

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▶ Patrick Chan

Canadian Patrick Chan put on a record performance yesterday in his bid for his first world figure skating title in Moscow yesterday.

The 20-year-old from Toronto compiled a world-record score of 93.02 to lead the short program, landing a perfect quad jump to open the program followed by a huge triple axel.

"I was really proud of myself," Chan said. "I was really quite nervous today ... I was very happy to keep it together mentally and do what I do in practice. To be able to translate it into competition was a very tough task." THE CANADIAN PRESS

12 Chan takes a huge 12-point lead into today's free program. Japan's Nobunari Oda was second with a score of 81.81.

Sports in brief

Selke finalists announced

NHL. Centres Pavel Datsyuk of Detroit, Vancouver's Ryan Kesler and Jonathan Toews of Chicago were named Frank Selke Trophy nominees yesterday.

The award, given to the NHL's top defensive forward, will be handed out at the NHL awards June 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Knicks stick with Billups

NBA. The New York Knicks announced yesterday they are keeping point guard Chauncey Billups for next season.

He will be on the books for $14.2 million, for his first full season with Amare Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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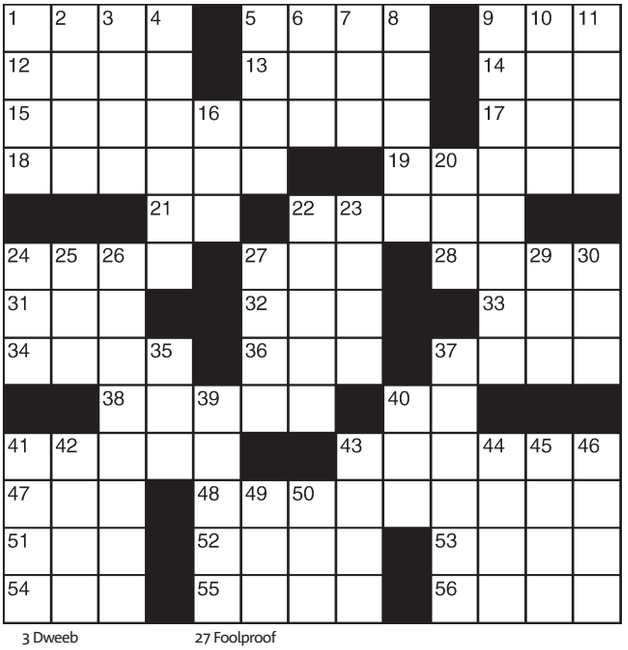

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▶ Yesterday's answer

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	1		5					9
	8		4				7	
8							4	
		9	6		7	8		
	4							7
	6				4		3	
5					2		8	
1			7	6		2		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

Send a KISS

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Rudy, In the past 3 years we have been through a lot. We have hurt eachother in more ways than one. I hope our friendship last a lifetime. I will always have a special place for you in my heart. **BEST FRIEND**

Lennie-Pikachu
Hey baby Lennie, I wanted to say that i love you very very much and all this time we have shared together has been the best 4 months of my life <3 Forever + Always Love Babar Eden :)*
BABAR-JAMMESON

My poopiface, Happi 16th months anniversary. i love u so much. Ur my blanket when im cold. My sunshine in the rain. The best part of my day. We've had our hardships and worked through them. I hope it just gets better from here on out. <3
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A look at the weather

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min 3° Max 18°	Min 8° Max 14°	Min 2° Max 7°

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 What is your top aim? Go for it with everything you've got over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The more you desire, the more you'll get. It's the perfect day.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Make sure you know how much you're worth, not just financially but intellectually, too.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make an effort to make others feel special and they will make efforts that enrich you, too.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You'll get through a mountain of work today and people in positions of authority will be impressed.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Creatively and romantically this is one of the best days of the year. Make it count.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what needs to be done and you know that now is the time to get on and do it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You don't want or need any help today. Do it yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You want to prove that you have what it takes, but don't take on too much.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Today's Sun-Pluto link encourages you to believe that you can take on the world and win.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you want to succeed, you'll need to enlist people with knowledge superior to yours.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't limit yourself. Be more adventurous. SALLY BROMPTON

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